

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
Revocation of the Educator	)	ORDER OF
Certificate of	)	PERMANENT REVOCATION
Dennis H. Feltz,	)	
Certificate 211956	)	

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 12, 2005. On June 9, 2004, the State Board issued an Order of Summary Suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 211956 based on the arrest of Dennis H. Feltz on state charges of criminal sexual conduct and committing a lewd act on a minor. Mr. Feltz now has agreed to the conversion of the summary suspension to a permanent revocation of his certificate. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to order the conversion of the summary suspension to the permanent revocation of Mr. Feltz's certificate.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Feltz holds a South Carolina teaching certificate and has over thirty-four years of teaching experience. He was under contract as a special education teacher at Dunston Elementary in Charleston County School District for the 2003-2004, school year. Mr. Feltz was arrested in June 2004 on state charges of criminal sexual conduct and committing a lewd act on a child. On March 24, 2005, Mr. Feltz entered into a plea agreement which included the permanent revocation of his educator certificate.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes crimes against the laws of this state and immorality. S.C. Code Ann §59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to convert the summary suspension to a permanent revocation of Mr. Feltz’s educator certificate 211956.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

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Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

April 12, 2005